

Boston Big Local Meeting 11th June 2020
Via Zoom

Name	Title	Resident/ Non Resident	Apologies
Richard Tory (RT)	Chair	R	
Don Jenkins (DJ)	Deputy Chair	R	Yes
Mike Gilbert (MG)		R	
Mark Baker (MB)	Communications	R	
Carole Lloyd (CL)		R	Yes
Graham Lloyd (GL)		R	Yes
Nick Thompson (NT)		R	Yes
Jody Raggo (JR)		R	
Izabella Meyer (IM)		R	Yes
Katy Roberts (KR)	Plan Coordinator	NR	
Darren Bayley (DB)	LTO	NR	Yes
Bill Badham (BB)	Big Local Rep	NR	
Fran Taylor (FT)	Council and BBL	NR	

1.	Apologies: Apologies received from CL, GL, NT, IM and DJ – comments on reports received from CL and GL prior to the meeting	ACTION
2.	Approve minutes of last meeting: Minutes were read and agreed as a true record, proposed RT seconded JR.	
3.	Matters arising not on the main agenda: There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.	
4.	<p>Running things:</p> <p>A. LTO Update – DB had previously forwarded the financial figures, which were circulated to the residents prior to the meeting. KR informed the group that there had only been a small amount of spend in the last month, which was entirely in Theme 5. The insurance has been paid in this month, which has resulted in an early overspend as this had not been budgeted in the plan. She noted that the insurance had been due in April but due to COVID-19, Zurich had delayed the payment due date, extending the cover of the previous policy up to June 2020.</p> <p>Bank balance at 8th July 2020: £52,572.38</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Spend by Theme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Theme 1 = £250.00 ○ Theme 2 = £0 ○ Theme 3 = £7,811.32 ○ Theme 4 = £0 ○ Theme 5 = £2,430.34 • BBL expenditure to date: £10,491.66 • Overspend: 5.2.2 – Overspend by £218 on insurance due to not being budgeted for. • Underspend: Nothing to report. • Outstanding invoices: Nothing to report <p>B. BL Rep updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB reported that the Local Trust had been researching the Covid-19 impacts on Big Local areas and it was found that there were a number of similar, underlying issues consistently coming up. Many common concerns were around money, whether that's a loss of income or an increase in debt. Lots of areas have lost jobs or have many people on 	

	<p>furlough. For people on furlough, there is a risk that their job disappears when the government support for the scheme ends. Food has become an even bigger issue in some areas than it was before COVID. The free school meals and food for shielding individuals are not reaching everyone they need to be. Some shielding people may not be comfortable going out when the food support ends in July. There is a big rise in isolation and negative impacts on mental health across areas, particularly for vulnerable groups. Some communities have a lack of garden space, which further impacts residents, particularly those who are shielding and cannot go to parks. Many areas are concerned about the impact on young people, both in terms of education and socially. Overall the sense is that the worst is still to come in seeing the impacts of both COVID and the lockdown. BB asked whether this was consistent in Boston too. The group agreed it was. FT said that she knew that the Food Bank was busy and that community groups had been supporting local areas either through voucher schemes with shops like the Co-op or welfare parcels. She raised concerns about the summer holidays approaching. MB reported that at the Samaritans, calls were in general longer than pre-lockdown with people seeking emotional support. There is a sense of nervousness about returning to normal and the group discussed the IT needs of the community in case of a return to lockdown or to continue services to those unsure about returning to activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BB reminded the group the Connects At Home had now started. KR and JR had attended a number of sessions before the meeting and were booked into more over the next two days. • A reminder was also given about the Partnership Survey which is requested to be completed. Everyone should have had an email sent to you personally; this will be resent on Friday. Please check it hasn't gone into spam. Any questions or difficulty in accessing it, contact sue.ansarie@localtrust.org.uk or ring her on 07407 495160. 	ACTION
5.	<p>Doing things: <u>A. Quarterly reports for discussion and approval</u> Reports were circulated prior to the meeting and a Powerpoint summarising the reports presented. Embroiderers Guild: All happy with the report. Boston Woodcarvers: All happy with the report. Arts for Dementia: It was noted that LHP had not invoiced as yet, and the group asked if there was anything that could be done to support them. KR confirmed that the invoice was received just prior to the meeting starting. FT noted that she had had funding enquiries from similar groups and wondered if it may be worth doing a coffee morning specifically for carers-related groups. KR to look into this. Boston Borough Council Events Overview: Fran's report summarised the cancellation of the events due to COVID-19. She is looking at ways in which there could be celebrations in the town in the future including a Christmas or Easter event. All happy with the report. Boston Samaritans: All happy with the report. KR confirmed the invoice for the quarter had now been received. Boston In Bloom: All happy with the report. KR noted that no invoice had been received. RT reminded the group that we are not due to pay Bloom this year as they are to use the balance that was going to be transferred to Transported for the Buoys Project. LCVS Environmental Project: All happy with the report. It was noted that the</p>	KR

	<p>invoice seemed high considering the amount of work that had been carried out. They asked if KR could seek reassurances regarding the work that had taken place.</p> <p>Boston Borough Council Consultation: FT confirmed that while she had not been able to visit groups during the quarter she has kept in email contact with them throughout. She had helped promote and taken part in the BBL Virtual Coffee Mornings and had identified that funding will be an issue for many of the groups. One issue that had arisen was preparing for welcoming groups back to community venues. The group discussed whether BBL could support community venues in providing an automatic hand sanitising station. KR to investigate the costings involved with this. All happy with the report.</p> <p>Citizens Advice Mid-Lincolnshire: A thorough report by CAML which highlighted the current issues being faced in the town. The group discussed what resources may be needed by CAML as the effects of COVID start to come through. All happy with the report.</p> <p>Hanse Group: All happy with the report.</p> <p><u>B. Top Trumps</u> RT explained to the group that a draft of the cards had now been completed and he is hoping to meet with Mark next week to start to put it all together. He is waiting for a logo and about 100 words from the Heritage Townscape group to explain their project but the work is ahead of schedule.</p> <p><u>C.Extension to BOSFIT Programme</u> KR had previously circulated information about the BOSFIT project to the group having had a meeting with Boston Borough Council and Active Lincolnshire earlier in the month. Boston Leisure Centre has been running online fitness classes and would like to extend this, looking to Boston Big Local and Active Lincolnshire to jointly fund the extension. Residents had commented that they thought this was a worthwhile project to support and were favour to support it. The activity would be funded under the Active Boston heading. KR to notify Active Lincolnshire of the residents' decision.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p> <p>KR</p>
6.	<p>Communications Update: A copy of the latest draft newsletter was shown to the residents for comment. MB noted that the BOSFIT project should be included and will do a move around of the copy. KR has spoken with Royal Mail regarding delivery options. They have quoted a price of £500 but are looking into the best and most cost-effective delivery for us, whether it's considered a leaflet drop or mail out as we have specific postcodes and addresses.</p>	
8.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KR has received correspondence from Boston Borough Council regarding the Christmas Event which suggested it was a four-day event rather than the one-day event we had a stall at. Boston Big Local has been asked if we would like a chalet for the event. FT confirmed this would be instead of the Christmas Event we had attended last year. 	
8.	<p>Date & Time of next meeting: Thursday 6th August – Residents Panel Meeting, 5pm and via Zoom assuming the situation remains the same.</p>	

Meeting finished at 7.00pm